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Final Legislative Report

By Roger Ferris

The 2006 legislative session adjourned on March 8. As many of you know, our number one priority bill, 2SSB 5333, died on the House Second Reading Calendar. We are very disappointed that the Speaker of the House, Frank Chopp, did not allow a vote prior to the March 3 cut-off date.

I am, however, pleased to report that numerous bills that are important to fire districts did pass. HB 2713 clarifies that local government officials may take a position on ballot issues at an open public meeting. Under the leadership of the Public Ports Association a coalition of special districts, including the WFCA, worked together on SSB 6555; this bill provides special districts and their respective associations the ability to access the services and legal opinions of the municipal research council. We are awaiting the Governor's signature on these two bills.

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The Legislative Committee will meet April 27 to fully review the 2006 session and begin the process of discussion and review of potential issues for 2007. I will recommend to the committee that a bill similar to 2SSB 5333 be reintroduced in 2007 as the WFCA's top priority. I encourage each of you to contact your regional representatives on the Legislative Committee or lobbyists with your ideas for possible legislative action—contact information is listed in the Fire Service Directory and email addresses may be obtained by logging onto www.wfca.wa.gov (select **Current Report** in the drop-down menu under the **Legislative Reports** tab).

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Lobbyists: Roger Ferris, Ryan Spiller, Sandi Swarthout

Wage & Benefit Update

The WFCA is in the process of updating its wage data for 2006. The material contained in the final printout will provide revised wage information for both paid and volunteer fire districts.

In even-numbered years, the WFCA updates wages only and the material is provided as a supplement to the previous year's benefit data; in odd-numbered years, both wage and benefit information is updated.

Please contact the WFCA office if your district is interested in participating and did not receive a questionnaire. NOTE: Your district must participate in order to receive the supplement results which will be available (by request) in June.

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A Message from the President *by Richard Kistler*



This year's legislative effort was moderately successful—our one big disappointment was, of course, not getting 2SSB 5333 passed. For a list of our successes, see the final legislative report on the WFCA website at www.wfca.wa.gov (select *Current Reports* in the drop-down menu under *Legislative Reports* at the top of the homepage).

Since this session is over, it is time to begin planning for the next session with our Legislative Committee meeting on April 27. I encourage you to contact your regional Legislative Committee member with your input or suggestions for possible legislation.

Committee members' names and email addresses are listed on the final legislative report on the website.

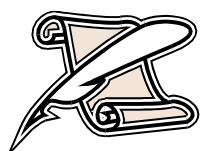
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Thanks to your input, we will be arranging a meeting with representatives of the State Chiefs' Legislative Committee and our lobbyists to develop a unified strategy for approaching the legislators regarding issues of importance to the fire service. At this point in time, we do not have a legislative agenda, but we

are certainly planning to once again propose a bill similar to 2SSB 5333. Other issues will be determined through your input and as a result of our meeting with other interested groups and agencies.

Moving from the state to national interests, the Board of Directors of NAEFO (note the change—we are now the National Association of Elected Fire Officials) will be meeting on April 15 in Portland.

We are faced with a variety of issues affecting our organization and the fire service throughout the country. If you would like to support this growing organization, please contact the WFCA office for more information on how to join and become active in NAEFO.



Proposed Bylaws Changes Due By May 15, 2006

Now is the time to submit proposed amendments to the **WFCA Articles of Association and Bylaws** to be considered by the Bylaws and Resolutions Committee.

The deadline for submitting proposed amendments is May 15, 2006. Send proposals to:

WFCA
P.O. Box 134
Olympia, WA 98507

Fax: 360.664.0415 / Email: wfca@wfca.wa.gov

If you would like a copy of the current bylaws for review, visit www.wfca.wa.gov (you will find the Constitution & Bylaws link under the *About WFCA* tab at the top of the homepage). If you prefer, you may call the WFCA office at 1.800.491.9322 or email wfca@wfca.wa.gov to request a copy.

ON THE WEB...

Be sure to visit the WFCA's updated website at www.wfca.wa.gov! Among the information you will find on the new site: upcoming educational events (sponsored by the WFCA and other agencies), classified ads/job announcements, and even Fireline (current and back issues).

Spokane 4 Receives New Rating

Effective December 1, 2005 citizens of Spokane 4 received the benefit of a "Fire Insurance Grade Improvement". This latest improvement is for the non-incorporated areas of the District improving the grade from a Class 7 to Class 5. The firefighters, administration and fire commissioners of District 4 have been working diligently to improve the 2003 improvement in the fire insurance grade. In 2003 the Fire District improved from a Class 8 to a Class 7 in the non-incorporated areas of the District and from a Class 5 to a Class 4 in the City of Deer Park. Congratulations to District 4! Commissioners—Jack Hensley, Robert Lansberry & James Lahde; Chief—Ed Lewis; Director, Finance & Administration—Susan Dawood.

WFCFA Board of Directors to Meet in Walla Walla

The WFCFA Board of Directors will meet in Walla Walla on Saturday, April 22, 2006, beginning at 9 a.m. The meeting will take place at Walla Walla County FPD 4 main station. In addition to the regular business the Board will discuss the 25-year commissioner service award and set the 2006 conference pre-registration fee. All members are welcome to attend this meeting.

Ads

FOR SALE by Grays Harbor 4: Used ambulance, '90 Ford dies, needs new eng, everything else in good order. Asking \$2,500. Contact dist @ PO Box 8, Quinalt, WA 98575, 360.288.2611.

FOR SALE by E Jefferson Fire Rescue (aka Jefferson 1): Sealed bids will be rec til 5 pm, 4/11/06, @ 1256 Lawrence St., Port Townsend, WA 98368 for the following surplus equip:

1. '85 GMC/FMC Pumper, lic #C60044, 19,542 mi, 1000 gpm pump, 750 gal tank, emerg lights, ladders, 427ci industrial gas eng, man trans, hydr brakes, pump needs rebuild. Min bid: \$2500.00.
2. '85 GMC/FMC Pumper, lic #C60045, 17,637 mi, 1000 gpm pump, 750 gal tank, emerg lights, ladders, 427ci industrial gas eng, man trans, hydr brakes, pump needs rebuilding, tank leaks. Min bid: \$2500.00.
3. '88 Chevy C/K 3500, license #C35858, 20,329 mi, 4wd, big block V8, winch, utility box. Min bid \$3500.00.
4. '95 Chev AstroVan, license #35626C, 80,658 mi, all wheel drive, small coolant leak into crankcase. Min bid: \$750.00.

Sale as is where is, w/no warranty implied. Dist reserves right to refuse any/all bids. To view, or for add'l info, call Asst Chief Chuck Boggs 360.732.4533 during normal office hours or cellular at 360.381.0359.

FOR SALE by South King Fire & Rescue: 1) '79 Pierce 1500 gpm pumper on a Ford Louisville chassis, 750 gal tank, Detroit 8V71 w/ HT740 Allison AT, 47,665 mi, upgrades to interior, lighting & trans in '99; '71 Mack/Baker 75' Aerialscope on Mack CF chassis, 6 cyl dies w/ man trans, aerial plumbed w/mstr stream, full compliment of ladders & has current UL aerial certificate. Contact Chief Polhamus 253.946.7319. View @ 2238 S 223rd St, Des Moines, WA 98198 or log onto www.southkingfire.org.

FOR SALE by Pierce 8: Two '84 Western States Fire Eng, both have V6 Det Dies, AT, 1500 GPM pump, 750 gal water tank, incl light bar, mech & elec siren, Motorola "MaxTrac" mob radio, excl fire hose, hand tools, SCBA packs & appliances. Dist accepting sealed bids for each engine, each believed to be in good cond; all maint & pump records avail. Vehicle E811 has 20,720 mi (16,056 hrs eng, 2,985 hrs pump); Vehicle E812 has 19,796 mi (15,481 hrs eng, 2,847 hrs pump). Min bid for each vehicle is \$30,000 & sale is "as is, w/faults, no warr, expressed/implied. Bids accepted til 5 pm, 4/28/06. Contact Chief Goodlet, 10105 24th St E, Edgewood, WA 98371, ph: 253.927.2313, fax: 253.927.2385.

FOR SALE by Pierce 12: Dist will rec bids til 4 pm, 4/28/06 at 18421 Old Buckley Hwy. #F, Bonney Lake, WA 98391, for '90 Ford F-8000 Fire Engine w/1000-gal water tank & pump rating of 1000 gpm. Sale "as is, where is," w/no warr expressed/implied. Seller reserves right to reject any & all bids. For info contact Barry Barquest, 253.863.1800.

FOR SALE by Snohomish 17: To Washington State fire depts:

- '81 FMC/Spartan 1500 GPM Pumping Fire Eng, 1000 gal on-board

water tank, 1500 GPM Hale snl-stage pump, Det 8V71 dies eng (new in '99, approx 500 mi), Allison HT740 AT, on-board aux generator, 35' ext ladder, 14' roof ladder & 10' folding attic ladder, all orig parts/svc manuals & maint records, currently in svc & passed annual pump test 8/05. Min bid \$20,000.00.

- 1 Hol-Gar/Onan 12.5-8.5 KVA portable station backup generator. Unit is cart-mounted, powered by 4 cyl, air cooled gas eng & adaptable for 1, 2 or 3-phase applications. Unit is operational, old but well maintained; min bid \$500.00.

Sale as is, where is w/no warr expressed/implied. Board reserves right to refuse any/all bids. For add'l info/to view call Chief Hjelle or Capt Haverfield 360.691.5553 during business hours.

FOR SALE by Whatcom 2: Surplus '78 Seagraves Pumper, seats 5, 25,953 mi, 1244 hrs, 8V71N & HT-740 w/retarder, Waterous 1500 gpm snl stage pump & Code 3 light pkg. The following supplied: 1-30' ext ladder, 1-14' roof ladder, 1-attic ladder, 2-500w scene lights, misc flash-lights, David Clark headsets & a 100w Midland mob radio. Dist reserves right to accept/cancel any/all bids. Sale as is, where is w/no warr expressed/implied. Contact Lt. Neher 360.676.8080. View at/send quotes to dist @ 2050 Lake Whatcom Blvd, Bellingham, WA 98229, ATTN: Sale of Pumper. Bid deadline 4/14/06.

FOR SALE by Whatcom 4: The following two surplus apparatus:

'78 Ford/FMC 1500 gal water tender, very good cond w/no damage & is NOT a retrofit, only 9300 mi, runs exc, features Ford 429-4V gas eng, 5-spd trans w/2-spd rear axle, Hale 300 GPM non-rated PTO pump; two 2.5" discharges; pump & roll; 1500 gal steel tank, epoxy coated, refurb approx '95, Bendix air brakes (work great!), lightbar, siren, polished stainless ladder rack, on-board battery cond'r, 4" rear dump w/ jet assist; 2 hypalon 1800 gal fol-da-tanks incl. \$9500 OBO.

'74 Ford/Boardman 1000 GPM Pumper, fair cond w/no damage & runs good, 22,400 mi, features Cat 3208 Turbo Dies eng, 5-spd man trans, Waterous 1000 GPM 2-stage pump, 750 gal water tank, air brakes, 2 electric-rewind hose reels w/rubber hose, all warning equip + 2-channel radio incl. \$4500 OBO.

For info/to request photos, contact Batt Chief Gooch 360.734.7316 or email tgooch@wcfid4.org.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT by Grant 10 (Royal City): Seeking dynamic Dep Chief of Operations. Visit www.wfca.wa.gov (Classified Ads) for info or email fire10@centurytel.net. Filing closes 4/25/06.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT by University Place FD: Entry lvl and lateral FF/paramedics. Visit www.wfca.wa.gov (Classified Ads) for info or email jbonnell@piercefir.org to req appl packet. Closes 4/30/06.

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT by City of Bothell: Fire Chief. For info log onto www.prothman.com. Closes 4/30/06.

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